

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Application of AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC)	WT Docket No. 15-270
and Blanca Telephone Company)	
For Consent To Assign License)	

To: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

**Blanca Telephone Company's Response to
General Information Request
Regarding the AT&T/Blanca Telephone Company Transaction**

Blanca Telephone Company (Blanca), by its attorney, hereby submits its response to the Commission's November 6, 2015 General Information Request regarding Blanca's pending application File No. 0006996338 to assign a 700 MHz low band license to AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC (AT&T).¹ Kindly contact counsel listed below if any additional information is required.

November 20, 2015

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¹ AT&T Mobility Spectrum LLC and Blanca Telephone Company Seek FCC Consent to the Assignment of A Lower 700 MHz C Block License In Colorado, WT Docket No. 15-270, *Public Notice*, DA 15-1267 (WTB rel. Nov. 6, 2015) ("*Comment Public Notice*"). The call sign being assigned is: WPWU906 (CMA356 Lower 700 MHz C Block).

1. Explain in detail the decision made by Blanca to assign the Lower 700 MHz C Block spectrum that is the subject of this application to AT&T, including any attempts made to enter into a sale of this spectrum or alternative arrangements with parties other than AT&T.

Response 1.

Blanca Telephone Company (Blanca) is the original licensee of Station WPWU906 (CMA356 Lower 700 MHz C Block), the 700 MHz license at issue in the pending license assignment application. Blanca acquired the subject licenses as a small business participant in the Commission's spectrum auctions process in Auction 44. Recently Blanca determined that given the existing spectrum environment in Blanca's service area, and given Blanca's estimation of future prospects, that Blanca would reduce the amount of its spectrum holdings. Blanca's critical considerations in this regard are the facts that the service area covered by the subject license is sparsely populated, there are several carriers already providing wireless service in the area, and the government has implemented multiple financial programs geared toward facilitating construction of communications and network facilities.

To assist Blanca in finding a buyer for the subject 700 MHz spectrum Blanca retained Mr. James M. Caplinger, Jr. to assist Blanca with finding a buyer of the license. Mr. Caplinger has served as civil legal counsel to Blanca for nearly thirty (30) years. Given the sparse population density of the service area, and given the existence of the several established wireless carriers, Blanca and Mr. Caplinger determined that the only reasonable prospects to explore regarding the purchase of Blanca's 700 MHz license would be one of the existing service providers. Mr. Caplinger first contacted AT&T regarding possible purchase of the spectrum because it is generally known that AT&T is in the process of assembling a nationwide 700 MHz network of licenses to compete against Verizon's nationwide 700 MHz network. It did not take very long for AT&T and

Blanca to agree upon an acceptable purchase price and the other details of license sale transaction. Therefore, Blanca determined that there was no need to explore possible transactions with any other service provider.

Assisting me in the preparation of this Response 1 was Timothy E. Welch, Hill & Welch, 1025 Connecticut Ave., NW #1000, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202-321-1448) and James M. Caplinger, Jr., James M. Caplinger Chartered, 823 West Tenth Street, Topeka, KS 66612 (785-232-0495).

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing Response 1 and that except for matters of which official notice may be taken, the facts stated herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

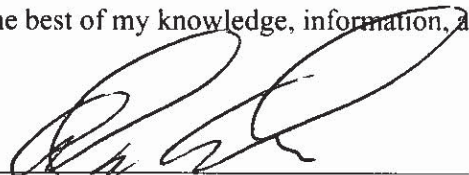
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